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# The Honorable Mention

## University Honors Program

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### FRESHMAN HONORS ORIENTATION AND ELECTION

As of June 22, 169 incoming freshmen are enrolled in the University Honors Program. Welcome to each one of you! Freshmen, please mark your calendar for *4 p.m., August 22*, for the Freshman Honors Orientation in *Theresa Gerard Auditorium in Garrett Conference Center*. All entering Honors freshmen are expected to attend. Vital information on the Honors Program will be discussed, and returning students will be on hand to answer questions. Election for the freshman position on the Honors Committee will be held at that time. (See the article on Honors Committee Elections for details.)

Following the meeting, the Honors Program will have a picnic at Lampkin Park, one mile from campus. Food will be provided. Remember to dress for volleyball, etc. A carpool will be arranged for those needing rides. Directions will be provided at the Honors orientation. All Honors students are invited to the picnic.

### FALL KENTUCKY HONORS ROUNDTABLE (KHR)

The Fall KHR will be held *Friday and Saturday, September 29-30* at Morehead State University. About 140 Honors students from across Kentucky are expected to attend and present their academic papers and creative work. Entertainment and a student party will be held on Friday evening, and the presentations will be given on Saturday. The WKU participants will travel by University van, leaving campus at noon on Friday and returning Saturday evening. Expenses are paid by the Honors Program.

*Returning students* who would like to give a presentation at the Fall Roundtable should submit a title and a 100-word abstract to the Honors office no later than *Friday, September 1*. We hope a van full of students will take part at the fall meeting.

*Incoming freshmen:* Roundtables are great fun, and if you would like to attend the Fall Roundtable, please notify the Honors Office by *Friday, September 1*.

### OTHER FALL HONORS EVENTS

#### August 25.

The Honors Students Society will kick off the fall semester by hosting a pizza party at 7:30 p.m. in Rodes-Harlin Rec Room. Enjoy pizza, meet other Honors freshmen, and learn hidden truths about WKU.

#### September 19.

*All the Kings Men* at Horse Cave Theatre. Honors students are invited to a picnic at 5 p.m. and see the classic Robert Penn Warren play at 7:30. Food and tickets will be provided by the Honors Program.

#### September 23.

Parents' Day Luncheon. If your parents are coming to visit on Parents' Day, bring them to our annual Parents' Day Honors luncheon in Downing Auxiliary Dining Room.

#### October 4-7.

During fall break, the Honors Program hopes to take a

University van to Washington, D.C. to tour the National Holocaust Museum and other landmarks. The trip will be well worth the long drive; the Museum offers an unforgettable experience for all who see it.

The van will leave Wednesday, October 4, at 2 p.m., arriving in Washington twelve hours later. The group will see the Museum together on Thursday, and everyone will have Friday free to see the Smithsonian, etc. Return to Bowling Green will be on Saturday, October 7.

The van and tickets to the museum will be provided by the Honors Program. Our Days Inn will be inexpensive and will provide easy subway access to downtown.

Any student wanting to go must notify the Honors Office by *September 15*. A minimum of eight students is needed; a maximum of twelve students can go in the University van.

If more than twelve students want to go, carpooling will be necessary and interested students will be notified.

### HONORS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Four students, one from each class, are elected each fall to serve on the University Honors Committee. The Committee consists of eight faculty members, two from each undergraduate college, and the four students.

The Committee meets once each month to consider all Honors Program issues. Student representatives are full voting members, and student input is vital.

*Incoming Freshmen:* If you would like to serve on the University Honors Committee, please send a 100-word statement to the Honors Program by *August 13*. Your statement will introduce you to your fellow Honors students and give them some basis for voting. It may describe your high school achievements, your college plans and long-term goals, or why you want to serve on the Honors Committee. Election of the Freshman Representative will be held at the Freshman Honors Orientation on August 22. Candidates will be introduced and allowed to make brief comments prior to the vote. If you would like to serve, nominate yourself! Don't be shy!

*Returning Students* who would like to serve in 1995-1996 should send a 100-word statement to the Honors Program by *August 13*.

### NEWSLETTER EDITING

*The Honorable Mention* is published monthly by Honors students to provide Program information and news about students and upcoming Honors events. Any student, new or returning, who would like to help with the newsletter for 1995-1996 should contact the Honors office. Incoming freshmen may sign-up to help with the newsletter at the fall orientation.

### F.L.A.G.S.

F.L.A.G.S. stands for First Year Students: Learning, Achieving, Growing, and Succeeding. The Department of



Residence Life developed this program as an attempt to increase student potential for succeeding at college.

Program topics include study skills, time management, campus safety, adjusting to college life, dating issues, alcohol issues, learning styles inventory, values and ethics, and HIV/aids.

All Freshmen Honors Students in Honors Housing are required to attend all six F.L.A.G.S. programs.



## SUMMER '95

**Krista Knaul** attended the "Women as Leaders" Conference sponsored by the Washington Center in Washington, D. C., this summer.

**Olivia Reed** is accepted at Auburn Veterinary School and has transferred there to complete her studies.

**Niki Hodson** and **Pamela Howell** are working on the college program this summer for Disney in Florida.

**Kitty Litchfield** is completing her thesis "Robert Elsmere and Helbeck of Bannisdale as Reflections of the Oxford Movement" and is readying for the Fall semester abroad at Cambridge University in England.

**Anthony Howard** is spending a couple of weeks in England this summer visiting friends.

**Kelly Todd** is student assistant in the Honors Office the summer term. She is an incoming freshmen studying in Psychology.

**Larry Snyder**, professor in the Philosophy and Religion Department, is trying to complete a book-length research project of "Radical Religious Thought in America from 1865-1933."

**Ron Veenker**, in Philosophy and Religion, is completing a manuscript on "Sexual Metaphors in the Bible and Secular Near Eastern Literature." He is also writing some book reviews. For those who know Ron well, he has undertaken a major accomplishment: he is cleaning his office!

**Nellie Walton** and **Deanna Laster** are dorm counselors for Western's Summer Program for Academically Talented Middle School students.

**Scott Myers** is taking classes here at Western this summer.

**Amy Steinkamp** is working this summer and also doing volunteer work at a child care center in Evansville.

**Joe Bilotta**, professor in Psychology, has just received a National Science Foundation grant to study environmental effects on visual development in zebrafish. One or two students are needed to assist with the research; call 745-2695 if interested.

**Amy Delorenzo** is in Oregon studying marine fishes, birds, and mammals as part of a summer research program sponsored by the University of Oregon.

## HSS WELCOMES FRESHMEN!

Welcome to Western and especially to the University Honors Program. As Honors students you have many academic and social opportunities ahead of you--ONE is the Honors Student Society (HSS). It was created just two years ago by fellow honors students. We look forward to input from current and incoming students for restructuring HSS. Some ideas for this year include: a semi-formal to be held in Bowling Green (fall) and an out-of-town event (spring); a representative from each class to organize monthly social events such as a movie night, party, dinner; educational events such as creative writing workshop, horror story reading for Halloween, and speakers. Honors students can pay for events as they happen instead of the membership dues. Please send any suggestions/comments to: Niki Hodson, Honors Student Society, c/o University Honors Program, Garrett 105.

I'm taking this opportunity to invite all of you to join the Honors Student Society. I hope to see all of you in the fall! Just watch for signs in the Honors Office and in Rodes-Harlin Hall regarding the first meeting.

--Nicole Hodson, Executive Officer

## MASTER PLAN FOR FRESHMEN

The Honors Program will host its own components of MASTER Plan this fall, and all entering freshmen are encouraged to participate. MASTER Plan will be from Sunday, August 12, through Thursday, August 17, the week before fall classes begin. MASTER Plan is designed to help students prepare for college life, learn their way around campus, make friends, and feel at home at Western.

Honors faculty, returning Honors students, and MASTER Plan Honors freshmen will have lunch together three days. Each day, several returning and new students will be invited to introduce themselves, and three or four Honors professors will say a little about their courses and research.

In other events, Academic Computing will conduct three sessions on using the University computer services, including topcat, internet, e-mail, word processing, etc. Returning Honors students will hold a peer-mentoring session for the new students. Honors faculty will offer advice for new students in a 90-minute discussion. Thought-provoking, entertaining films will be shown two evenings. On Thursday evening, Honors faculty will lead small group discussions on significant books.

### Honors MASTER Plan Schedule

#### **Monday, August 14**

12 - 1:00 p.m.--Lunch with Honors faculty and students  
Marriott Auxiliary Dining Room



August 14 continued:

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.--Computer Session I

Grise Hall Computer Lab

9:00 - 11:00 p.m.--Film and discussion

**Tuesday, August 15**

12 - 1:00 p.m.--Lunch with Honors Faculty and Students

Marriott Auxiliary Dining Room

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.--Faculty mentoring at residence halls

9:00 - 11:00 p.m.--Film and discussion

**Wednesday, August 16**

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.--Computer Session II

Grise Hall Computer Lab

**Thursday, August 17**

12 - 1:00 p.m.--Lunch with Honors faculty and students

Marriott Auxiliary Dining Room

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.--Discussions with returning students

4:15 - 5:15 p.m.--Computer Session III

Grise Hall Computer Lab

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.--Summer reading discussion

As of June 20, spaces were still available for **MASTER Plan**, and incoming Honors students are encouraged to participate, if possible. To enroll, send the MASTER Plan application to: Residence Life, Potter Hall 431, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY 42101.

**SUMMER READING FOR MASTER PLAN**

MASTER Plan honors students are invited to voluntarily join Honors faculty members for reading one of the following books this summer. Each faculty member will lead the discussion on the book he/she selected on Thursday evening, August 17. All books are paperback.

Andric, Ivo. *Bridge on the Drina*. A historical novel on Bosnia offers insights into the current war by a Nobel-prize winning author. Faculty member: Dr. Jacqueline Addington.

Kreeft, Peter. *The Best Things in Life: A 20th-Century Socrates Looks at Power, Pleasure, Truth, and the Good Life*. Faculty member: Dr. Arvin Vos.

May, Rollo. *Man's Search for Himself*. A sensitive and insightful psychologist discusses the development of self-understanding and maturity during young adulthood. Faculty member: Dr. Sam McFarland.

Rybczynski, Witold. *Home: A Short History of an Idea*. Faculty member: Dr. Marilyn Casto.

Warren, Robert Penn. *All the Kings Men*. A classic by Kentucky's most famous writer. Faculty member: Dr. Janet Schwarzkopf.

Wiesel, Elie. *Night*. An autobiographical account by a Nobel Peace Prize winner and survivor of the Holocaust. Faculty member: Dr. Larry Snyder.

Students wanting to participate should return the following application with \$12.00 (for the book & postage) payable to University Honors Program by **July 14**. Books will be mailed as quickly as possible after orders are received.

*Returning students are also invited to participate in Honors MASTER Plan events.* Returning students who want to help should call the Honors Office by August 4. When you advise you want to help, we will notify the Housing Office so they will allow you to check into your dorm early.

I want to participate in the MASTER Plan summer reading.

Preferred Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: University Honors Program

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**PROFESSOR PROFILE**



**Patricia Minter** studied at the University of Virginia. Her fields are Legal & Constitutional Southern History and Race Relations. She has taught at Western for three years. In addition to teaching this class, she also teaches a course on the New South. These two class topics incorporate to form her philosophy of teaching. She feels that learning and

teaching are essentially interactive experiences. The best learning is done when the class is a community that cooperates in discussions and readings in trying to solve historical problems. Not surprisingly, her classes are usually a mixture of lecture and discussion format. She likes to use diverse sources to teach history. She makes use of film and literature as primary sources to understand the past.

Professor Minter has an article to be published this August and is working on a book-length manuscript entitled "The Codification of Jim Crow: The Origins of Segregated Transit Law in the South."

Patricia resides in the College Heights neighborhood with her husband and two cats.

For those of you registered for Western Civilization Since 1648, HIST-120-013, you will be able to meet her personally this fall in class.



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Fishing with a Barometer** The lower the barometer, the better the fishing.

**Fielding a Baseball** A ball hit to left field by a left-handed hitter, will slice toward the left-field line. It works exactly the opposite way with a right-handed hitter.



## HONORS STUDENT MANUAL

An Honors Student Manual is now in preparation. The Manual will provide complete description of all facets of the Honors Program, including classes and professors, program requirements, the Area Study Major and Minor in Honors, Honors independent study, the Senior Honors Thesis, campus honors organizations and societies, advantages of participating in Honors, and much more! Entering students will receive copies at the freshman orientation. Returning students may pick up copies at the Honors office at the beginning of the fall term.

## HONORS HOUSING

Honors housing for women is overflowing, and unfortunately not all incoming freshmen Honors women who requested Honors housing have received it. Priority was determined by the date applications were received. Those who have not been assigned to Rodes-Harlin have been placed on a waiting list and will be assigned there when and if spaces become available.

As of June 20, a few spaces were still available for males wanting Honors housing.

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